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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 10-May-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/10/03	05/03/03
BRO-FRY	158,275	161,198
LT HENS	1,729	2,011
HVY HENS	1,412	1,251

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 03-May-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	279	3	282
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	134	4	138
SAME WEEK YR AGO	362	0	362
TO-DATE/2003	5,108	68	5,176
TO-DATE/2002	5,873	20	5,893

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,125	1,212	3,337
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	2,014	1,246	3,260
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,308	1,543	3,851
TO-DATE/2003	35,724	23,764	59,488
TO-DATE/2002	38,906	23,696	62,602

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 03-May-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	156,760	1,846	1,209	3,055
AVG WT	5.09	3.54	7.93	5.28
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	153,380	1,880	1,242	3,122
SAME WK YR AGO	157,800	1,946	1,543	3,489
AVG WT	5.05	3.54	7.94	5.49
TO-DATE/2003	2,697,688	30,616	23,696	54,312
TO-DATE/2002	2,761,011	33,033	23,676	56,709

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.7 million head or 0.4 million head more than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING April 26, 2003**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	28,712	24,779	44,172
Avg Weight	3.88	4.85	6.01
% of total /1	29%	25%	45%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	24,407	23,714	47,106
Avg Weight	3.77	4.76	6.10
% of total /1	26%	25%	49%
Same week, yr ago /2	29,394	27,747	48,249
Avg Weight	3.81	4.79	6.10
% of total /1	28%	26%	46%
To date/2003	412,283	386,431	724,054
To date/2002	519,079	401,277	795,710

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 03-May-2003
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,916	2,925	72	30	4,943
AVG WT	16.06	37.19	24.16	35.70	28.80
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,868	2,929	45	2	4,844
SAME WK YR AGO	2,006	2,733	50	6	4,795
AVG WT	16.34	34.97	25.09	28.43	27.06
TO-DATE/2003	31,001	48,150	1,048	283	80,482
TO-DATE/2002	32,057	46,966	780	130	79,933

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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